

REMARKS

Examiner Kielin is thanked for his ongoing and careful examination of the subject Patent Application.

Applicant apologizes for not providing references in his reply filed 06 May 2002 for (1), (2), (3), and (4) thus causing the Examiner unnecessary work. These references refer to Examiner's Paper Number 18 and are listed individually below:

Applicant's reference to (1) refers to Examiner's (1) on Page 3, line 10 "Lin does not (1) .." and line 14 "Regarding (1) ..".

Applicant's reference to (2) refers to Examiner's (2) on Page 3, line 11 "... (2) does not specifically.." and Page 4, line 6 "Regarding (2) ..".

Applicant's reference to (3) refers to Examiner's (3) on Page 3, line 12 "... (3) reverse current electroplating; .." and Page 5, line 1 "Regarding (3),...".

Applicant's reference to (4) refers to Examiner's (4) on Page 3, line 13 ".. or (4) the cap layer." and Page 4, line 6 "Regarding (2) and (4),...".

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Again, Applicant is sorry for his failure to properly reference his reply to Examiner's Paper 18.

Examiner states in his Advisory Action, Paper Number 20 (first and second line), that "The prior art of record teaches and or suggests the instant invention". Applicant believes that by having provided the above references to (1), (2), (3), and (4) for the Examiner that he is now better able to judge the merits of Applicant's reply and invention.

All claims are now believed to be allowable.

It is requested that should Examiner Kielin not find that the Claims are now Allowable that he please call the undersigned attorney at (845) 452-5863, to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SBA", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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